

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the above amendments and the following remarks and that all of the claims remaining in this application be allowed.

Amendments

Claims 19-37 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-18 were previously withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention. By virtue of this response, claims 19-37 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer; and new claims 38-55 have been added. Accordingly, claims 38-55 are currently under consideration.

Concerning the priority claim

Enclosed for the Examiner convenience is a copy of the transmittal form submitted at the time of filing of this application. Please note that page 2 of this form claims 1-18 were canceled and on page 3 of this form a request to amend the first line of the specification to include the priority claim was entered.

Amendments

The claims in this application have been amended to reflect a method for enhancing the formation of a solid, non-migratory coherent mass at a selected vascular site of a mammal using a patentably distinct composition. The composition used in the presently claimed method is the subject of U.S. Patent Application 09/574,379, filed on May 19, 2000, now issued U.S. Patent 6,531,111.

Specifically, Claim 38 corresponds to previously presented Claim 19 with the exception that this claim has been amended to recite a concentration range of biocompatible polymer "of from about 12 to about 50 weight percent," as supported by original Claim 2 and the specification at page 5, lines 5-6 and 15-16; page 6, lines 19-20; and page 11, lines 17-21.